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- 1. SECRETARY'S APRIL 9 WORKING LUNCHEON WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PARK ALMOST COMPLETELY DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF KOREAN QUESTION AT UN. SECRETARY MADE UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEARK TO PARK OUR VIEW THAT WE MUST NOT LEAVE FIELD TO THE NORTH KOREANS AT UPCOMING UNGA. SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT WE, FOR OUR PART, WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE MAJOR EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION AND THAT WE WERE TACTICALLY FLEXIBLE.
- 2. SECRETARY NOTED THAT IF WE DO NOT MAKE A FIGHT FOR OUR POSITION, WE WILL INEVITABLY SUFFER MAJOR DEFEAT SECRET

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WITH POSSIBLY EVEN SOME EUROPEANS FEELING COMPELLED TO

VOTE FOR NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. HE NOTED THAT U.S., ROK, AND OUR FRIENDS HAVE A PERIOD OF TIME TO SOUND OUT STRENGTH OF POSSIBLE SUPPORT, AT SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE THAT ABANDONMENT OF THE FIELD BY THE ROKG WOULD BE SERIOUSLY HARMFUL TO ROKG INTERNATIONAL POSITION AND PUT ONUS ON IT FOR HAVING ABANDONED UN.

- 3. SECRETARY NOTED THAT WE HAVE A REASONABLE POSITION, INDICATING OUR READINESS TO TERMINATE UNC AS LONG AS ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OR SUCCESSOR ARRANGEMENTS MAINTAINED. IF IN THIS YEAR'S DEBATE MAJORITY WOULD ACT SO IRRESPONSIBLY AS TO THREATEN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BOTH WE AND ROKG WOULD BEE IN A MUCH STRONGER POSITION TO REFUSE IN THE FUTURE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY UNGA DEBATE ON KOREA. BY CONTRAST, EVEN IN A SITUATION IN WHICH WE DO NOT RULE OUT PASSAGE OF TWO CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS, TO QUIT IN ADVANCE WOULD PLAY INTO NORTH KOREAN HANDS AND CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO FURTHER ISOLATION OF THE ROK.
- 4. IN EVENT WE DID LOSE VOTE AFTER CONTESTING UN DEBATE, SECRETARY STRESSED THAT WE, ROKG AND OUR ALLIES WOULD BE IN A FAR STRONGER POSITION INTERNATIONALLY THAN A SITUATION IN WHICH PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION ALLOWED TO WIN WITHOUT A FIGHT.
- 5. FOREIGN MINISTER PARK EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SECRETARY'S VIEWS BUT STRESSED THAT PRESIDENT PARK PERSONALLY FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT ROKG SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN UNGA DEBATE IF THERE IS EVEN A POSSIBILITY OF DEFEAT OF A FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. PARK NOTED PAST TRENDS IN UNGA VOTING AND STRESSED PRESIDENT'S FEELING HE SIMPLY CANNOT ACCEPT DOMESTIC CONSEQUENCES OF DEFEAT AT UN.
- 6. IN REPLY, SECRETARY INDICATED THAT IF ROK OPTED OUT OF FIGHT AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA, DEFEAT THEN BECOMES INEVITABLE. HE TOLD PARK THAT HE SHOULD TELL PRESIDENT PARK HOW STRONGLY THE SECRETARY FELT ON NEED TO PUT UP A FIGHT THIS YEAR AND SECRETARY'S VIEW THAT ROKG SECRET

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SHOULD RECONSIDER ITS PRESENT POSITION.

7. PARK PROMISED TO CONVEY SECRETARY'S VIEWS TO PRESIDENT PARK, INDICATING THAT WE STILL HAD TIMEFOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE.

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